

Senate Resolution 488

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Alan Dighton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Alan Dighton has rendered an excellent service to the State of Georgia in
3 creating and operating the New London School of Driving in Snellville, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dighton and his wife, Linda, moved to this country from England with their
5 daughters, Jacqui and Kathy, in 1980, and became naturalized citizens five years later; and
- 6 WHEREAS, sensing a need for a dedicated driving school to more thoroughly prepare
7 teenage drivers for the responsibilities and dangers of the road, Mr. Dighton created the New
8 London School of Driving in 2002, named in honor of the little known fact that Snellville
9 once bore the name New London; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the New London School of Driving offers a comprehensive driving course
11 complete with guest speakers such as police officers, paramedics, probation officers, master
12 mechanics, insurance agents, and a driver of an 18 wheeler who allows students to sit in his
13 cab and experience what he can and can't see; and
- 14 WHEREAS, training at the New London School of Driving extends well beyond the requisite
15 class time and road time, with the school's proudest accomplishment making instruction
16 personal, memorable, and fun; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dighton's passion for teaching and his sincere concern for the safety of the
18 young drivers of his community have led to the school's increasing popularity, and the
19 lessons that teens gain at the New London School of Driving leave a lasting mark; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his outstanding efforts to prepare student drivers for the streets and highways
21 of this state have brought honor to the State of Georgia and the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Dighton and the New London School of Driving have also created a
23 collision avoidance class that includes classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel precision
24 driving experiences to prepare young drivers for the dangers they will face while driving; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Dighton and the New London School of Driving have begun a program
26 called Safe Driving 4 Teens to reach parents and their teens through informational programs
27 and community safety fairs, which include a medical helicopter, a drunk driving simulator,
28 a rollover vehicle demonstration, programs by UGA GTIPI, Georgia Department of Driver
29 Services, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and other professional partners; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Mr. Alan Dighton for his dedicated efforts in teaching young drivers to be safe and
34 responsible on the road and recognize his New London School of Driving as an extraordinary
35 service for the new drivers of this state.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Alan Dighton.